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In re Application of

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For: Assay For Identifying Modulators of Chondrogeneses)

The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

## FILING OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and in recognition of the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement on Form PTO-1449 containing a listing of patents and other publications of which Applicants are aware. Applicants are also submitting the references listed on the Information Disclosure Statement.

All of the patents and publications submitted herewith are in the English language and accordingly a concise explanation of the relevance of the documents is not required.

The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of these documents by initialling the appropriate column.

Applicant reserves the right to contest the applicability of any of these documents as prior art against the subject application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 16, 2002

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